“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:14
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Website: www.stbartholomew-needham.org
Office Hours: M – F, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**PRAYER LINE**

This is a network of people who pray for special intentions. Call the parish office and leave a message regarding for whom you would like prayers said.

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. J. Thomas Gignac, Administrator
Gisele Byda, Business Manager
Antonia Nedder, Music Director
Jennifer Foster, Coordinator of Religious Education
Maryellen Jennings, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6
Reyna Mendoza, Office Assistant

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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 02**

4:00 PM Robert Nedder

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 03**

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:45 AM Edna S. English
11:30 AM Joseph Kearney (25th Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 05**

9:00 AM Luvperla Perdomo

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06**

9:00 AM Bryan Hawkom

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07**

9:00 AM Gabriel Vegalara and Maria Cristina deVegalara

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 08**

9:00 AM Marcella Judge

May these intentions and all the prayers of the faithful be ever in the Heart of Jesus.

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM
Daily Mass: Mon—Sat, 9:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 2:30 PM—3:15 PM OR by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

First Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM
Please call a month in advance to schedule Baptisms.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Joseph every Friday after 6:50 AM until 12:00 noon.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

After the 9:00 AM Mass the first Sat. of each month

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10:00 AM funeral).
A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time asks for mercy from an abundantly kind God:

_Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those
who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen._

The first part of the Collect speaks of the extreme nature of God. God is not only mighty, but almighty. God is not only living, but ever-living. God is not only kind, but abundantly kind. In fact, God’s kindness is so abundant that it causes him to surpass not only what we merit (or deserve) but also what we desire. This calls to mind the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived...God has prepared for those who love him” (1Cor 2:9). God surpasses not only our merit, but whatever desire we even could conceive in our heart.

The second part of the Collect—the “ask”—requests an outpouring of mercy. God is never stingy with his mercy; he doesn’t mete it out in measured amounts, but pours his mercy upon us. We ask for an outpouring of mercy to not only pardon the sins that our conscience rightly dreads, but to provide what we cannot even dare to ask for in our prayer.

Take just a few minutes each morning this week to pray this Collect, and to contemplate the extreme mercy of the almighty and ever-living God, whose abundance of kindness surpasses anything we could ever imagine. Ask that he pour that mercy upon you.

God bless you,
Fr. Tom

BABY SHOWER FOR PREGNANCY HELP

Baby Shower to benefit the mothers and babies at Pregnancy Help, this weekend after all the Masses until 6:30 on Sunday in the Linse Room, St Joseph’s. Or please drop off at 238 Edgewater Drive.

Thank you!

LIVE-STREAMED 9:45 SUNDAY MORNING MASS

On June 20th, Cardinal Seán reinstated the Sunday obligation. The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in person, given at the beginning of the pandemic, is no longer in effect.

At St. Bartholomew we continue to have spaced seating on one side of the church for those desiring additional personal space. The two cry rooms are also available for reservation on SignUpGenius.

We continue to provide a live-stream of the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass for those who, because of a health concern, must participate remotely. Because of the importance of participating in the Eucharistic Sacrifice at the time the Sacrifice is being made, the Mass is live-streamed at 9:45 AM each Sunday, but not recorded for later viewing.

Join the live-stream on our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/St-Bartholomew-Parish-Needham-MA-121212978474/


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On behalf of myself and my brother priests, thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust special collection.

If you were unable to donate but would still like to contribute, please visit www.clergytrust.org/September-collection-parish to make your gift.

Also, if you missed the Celebration of the Priesthood virtual event, click here to watch the recording https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZfMlcZebTE. It was an inspiring and hopeful event and worth the 40 minutes it takes to watch.

CELEBRATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD

More than 5,000 people have already viewed this virtual program highlighting the impact priests have on our parishes, families, and communities. To watch now, click or scan the QR code!
Our full-year classes start this Sunday/Monday! The Catholic School program will join us on Oct. 24th for Sunday students or Nov. 1st for Monday students. We are so excited to see everyone in person again this year!

Here are a few reminders:

K-6th grade parents should enter the parking lot from GREAT PLAIN AVE. Drop off is near the St. Sebastian statue at the rear of the church. Please exit onto Greendale Ave. This is to minimize traffic issues with the St. Seb’s pick up line. ALL CHILDREN IN 1st & 2nd GRADES must be walked in!

7th-10th grade students should enter through the main doors of the church. You may enter the parking lot however you choose. We do not have traffic flow problems with the evening classes.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED inside for all students and adults, regardless of vaccination status.

Students will be given their workbooks at class. Please be sure that they bring them each week.

K-6 Calendar: https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/sites/g/files/zjfyce901/files/2021-08/2021_2022_K-6_0.pdf

7-10 Sunday (see the bottom for Catholic School Conf.): https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/sites/g/files/zjfyce901/files/2021-08/2021_22_7_10SUNDAY_0.pdf

7-10 Monday (see the bottom for Catholic School Conf.): https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/sites/g/files/zjfyce901/files/2021-08/2021_22_7_10MONDAY_0.pdf

We are currently looking for teachers for Monday afternoon 6th Grade class, and the 8th Grade Sunday evening classes. We have closed our registration for Sunday 9th grade because it is full, but would happily re-open it if a teacher were available.

If you are interested, please contact us at https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/contact/faith_formation!

All volunteers must pass a background check and attend a Protecting God’s Children training.

Registration for St. Joseph and St. Bartholomew CYO program is now open for girls and boys in grades 5 through 12.

To request a registration form, contact CYO Athletic Director Tom Loughran at tomloughran@rcn.com or (781) 254-8220.

We have a lot of music news to share, as our Music Ministry is working hard to praise God in song and to encourage safe and spirited participation:

**Youth Choir:**
We are starting Youth Choir rehearsals this weekend! All rehearsals for Youth Choir at this time will be outdoors and masked. Any youth in the parish, third grade through twelfth grade, is welcome to join Youth Choir.

Please email Antonia Nedder here https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/contact/antonia_nedder if you think your child may be interested.

**Cantor Roster:**
We thank our St. Bart’s cantors for their tireless and talented support of our music ministry at St. Bart’s. Week after week, we are elevated by their spirit and song, and we hope you are joining in the song and praising with us. If you like to sing and would like to join our cantor roster and help lead song, please contact Antonia Nedder here https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/contact/antonia_nedder.

**Adult Choir:**
It has been wonderful to welcome our Adult Choir back to the 9:45 Mass. You may have noticed that we are all wearing masks and are spaced a bit differently.

The choir is working hard to provide uplifting and engaging music while managing the constraints of singing during these difficult times. Many thanks to the choir members for their dedication and enthusiasm, and to the congregation for your support of our music ministers!

Please join the choir and our cantors in praising God in song!

With the surge of the Delta variant of the coronavirus, masks are now **required** when sitting in the Spaced Seating section on the left, regardless of vaccination status. Please respect the preference for personal space in the Spaced Seating section. In addition, masks are **encouraged** when sitting in the Open Seating section on the right. The Governor’s Office advises those who are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask. However, children under the age of two should never be masked, and parental discretion is to be used for children between the ages of two and five. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort to protect others.
Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled “An Act relative to end of life options”.

“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.” (1)

Here are some facts to consider before you take action:

1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE- That diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6 month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.

2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual (who could be depressed or fears being a “burden”) may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.

3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.
- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Public Health who will be considering these bills.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at (617) 746-5630 for legislative contact information.

1 Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)
### PARISH CALENDAR: October 03 - 23, 2021
Parish Website Calendar: [http://stbartholomew-needham.org/calendar/](http://stbartholomew-needham.org/calendar/)

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